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Upcoming EPA Region 7 Events by Division

*New additions noted with an asterisk

RA:

- 11/1/16** - Region 7 Recognition Ceremony, Regional Office. Contact: Monica Espinosa, 7541
- 11/9/16** – Combined Federal Campaign Event, Regional Office. Contact: Tanya Nix, 7071
- 11/10/16** – National Association of Farm Broadcasters, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

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RA/Immediate Office

None
Other Events

AWMD

- 10/25-26/16** – Office of Underground Storage Tanks National Meeting, Washington, D.C. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670
- 10/26/16** – 2016 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Summit, Washington, D.C. Contact: Don Lininger, 7724
- 10/27-28/16** – Association of State & Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. Contact: Don Lininger, 7724
- 10/28/16** – Kansas City, Kan. Healthy Environments Coalition Meeting, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Amy Bhesania/Steven (Cody) Brown, 7147 / 7718
- 11/2/16** – Pollution prevention roundtable at Frito-Lay, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Gayle Hubert, 7439
- 11/2-3/16** – Host and present at Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act/Risk Management Program Region 7 Stakeholder and Executive Order 13650 Annual Meetings, Regional Office, Lenexa, Kan. Contact: Terri Blunk, 7013
- 11/5/16** – National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services presentation on the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act, the recent Volkswagen settlement and fuels regulations, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Greg Crable, 7391
- 11/8/16** – Presentation on Risk Management Program updates at Iowa Strategic Goals Program, Ankeny, Iowa. Contact: Krystal Stotts, 7946
- 11/14-18/16** – Quad Cities Nuclear Plant Exercise, Davenport, Iowa. Contact: Chuck Hooper, 7271
- 11/15/16** – America Recycles Day, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Jim Callier, 7646
- 11/16/16** – Region 7 Pollution Prevention Roundtable Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Lisa Thresher, 7964
- 11/17/16** – Attend Sedgwick County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting, Wichita, Kan. Contact: Fatima Ndiaye, 7383

CNSL

None

ECO

None

ENST

10/25-26/16 - NEPA and MESB staff will conduct a field reconnaissance of streams near Doe Run's Brushy Mine site in Reynolds County, Missouri, for sampling sites and baseline data before construction of a new mine tailings storage facility on Lick Creek. Contact: Larry Shepard, 7441

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

None

SUPR

10/24-26/16 – Superfund Federal Facilities Leadership Council Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Lynn Juett, 7883

10/25-27/16 – Region 6/7 Incident command exercises, Lake Texoma, Okla. Contact: Eric Nold, 7488

WWPD

10/31-11/03/16 – EPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds National Nonpoint Source Training Workshop, Boston, Mass. Contacts: Steve Kovac, 7698, Leah Medley, 7167, Steve Schaff, 7447

11/1-4/16 – EPA Aircraft Drinking Water Regulation National Meeting, Dallas, Texas. Contact: Morris Holmes, 7421

12/6-8/16 – EPA Office of Water Urban Waters Focus Group, Washington, DC. Contact: Roberta Vogel-Leutung, 7072

Congressional Inquiries:

None

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

The Missourian – Sean Na – 10/21/16: Questions regarding WOTUS. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

DTN/Progressive Farmer – Todd Neely – 10/21/16: Questions about investigation into misuse or misapplication of dicamba pesticide in southeast Missouri. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

KCPT Public Television, Kansas City – Michael Price – 10/24/16: Questions about Consent Decree with Kansas City, Mo., and the combined sewer overflow control plan. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/search/field_press_office/region-07

Fact Sheets:

None

Environmental Stories:

REGIONAL

102 injured due to chemical plume - News-Press (St. Joseph, Mo.) - 10/22/16 - A dangerous, fog-like chemical cloud enveloped the city of Atchison on Friday morning, stirring a frenzied response from across the community, and causing at least 102 people to seek medical treatment.

http://www.newspressnow.com/news/local_news/injured-due-to-chemical-plume/article_02f08433-ed08-5bff-93f3-aebb70c5d306.html

MORE RESIDENTS NEAR AMMONIA LEAK SITE ALLOWED TO GO HOME - KVRN Radio - 10/23/16 - More northeast Nebraska residents are being allowed to return to their homes days after they were evacuated because of an anhydrous ammonia leak that killed a local farmer.
<http://krvn.com/regional-news/more-residents-near-ammonia-leak-site-allowed-to-go-home/>

Two of 125 victims remain hospitalized from Atchison chemical spill - Kansas City Star - 10/22/16 - Two people — one of them an employee at MGP Ingredients — remained hospitalized Saturday after a chemical spill at the company sent a toxic chlorine cloud over the city on Friday.
<http://www.kansascity.com/news/local/article109953832.html>

NBC News - Chemical Spill at Kansas Plant Sends Dozens to Hospital - 10/22/16 - A chemical spill at an Atchison, Kansas, distillery plant released a noxious plume of gas above the city Friday, sending dozens to the hospital for respiratory problems.
<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/chemical-spill-kansas-plant-sends-dozens-hospital-n671141>

Chemical Spill in Atchison, Kansas: Over 100 Treated for Respiratory Problems, Plume Slowly Dissipating - Patch - 10/22/16 - A large plume that covered a significant part of the city of Atchison, Kansas was caused by two chemicals that were inadvertently mixed at a distillery plant prompting residents to either evacuate or shelter in place.
<http://patch.com/us/across-america/plume-atchison-kansas-chemical-spill-forces-evacuations-shelter-place-orders>

1 remains hospitalized after chemical spill in Kansas - Topeka Capital Journal - 10/23/16 - The spill occurred Friday morning after two chemicals were inadvertently combined at the MGP Ingredients plant in Atchison. The chemical release created a chemical cloud over sections of Atchison and sparked evacuations.
<http://cjonline.com/news/2016-10-23/1-remains-hospitalized-after-chemical-spill-kansas#>

EPA executes search warrants related to Dicamba - Daily Dunkin Democrat - 10/22/16 - According to a news release obtained by the DDD Friday from the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA has executed federal search warrants at several locations in southeastern Missouri as part of an investigation into alleged misuse or misapplication of herbicide products containing Dicamba.
<http://www.dddnews.com/story/2350757.html>

Note to EPA: Consider atrazine - Iowa Farmer Today - 10/23/16 - NASDA has significant concerns with EPA's draft ecological risk assessments for atrazine, simazine and propazine, which departs from the agency's obligations under FIFRA, and NASDA is equally concerned with the agency's justification, or lack thereof, for utilizing studies deemed flawed by EPA's 2012 Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP).
http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/opinion/note-to-epa-consider-atrazine/article_7f13db8e-9701-11e6-b5ca-0b31aaaf24e6.html

Why Scientists Disagree on RoundUp's Cancer Risk - Iowa Public Radio - 10/22/16 - After dueling reviews of research studies, scientific panels from the U.S. government and the World Health Organization are having a hard time agreeing whether glyphosate, the most common weed killer in the United States, can cause cancer.
<http://iowapublicradio.org/post/why-scientists-disagree-roundups-cancer-risk#stream/0>

NATIONAL

EPA's IG: Agency acted too slowly on #FlintWaterCrisis - Legal Insurrection - 10/23/16 - However, since its formation in 1970, the statement may have secretly been amended to include that the agency must also want to go out on a limb for that area. It is at least one explanation for the EPA Inspector General indicating that the organization acted too slowly to address the lead contamination discovered in the Flint, Michigan water supply.
<http://legalinsurrection.com/2016/10/epas-ig-agency-acted-too-slowly-on-flintwatercrisis/>

EPA Scientific Advisory Panel on glyphosate postponed - Pulse Headlines - 10/23/16 - The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) has been postponed. The meetings would have taken place between October 18-21, and all the discussions were to be centered around glyphosate and whether it is safe or not.
<http://www.pulseheadlines.com/epa-scientific-advisory-panel-glyphosate-postponed/53135/>

Ag leaders band together to protect farmers, ranchers - Standard Times (San Angelo, Texas) - As the 2015 fiscal year officially ended Oct. 1 for the federal government, former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block spoke of pros and cons about the future of the agriculture industry.
<http://www.gosanangelo.com/business/columnists/jerry-lackey/windmill-country-ag-leaders-band-together-368559e2-3870-7ef7-e053-0100007f5949-398062471.html>

EPA targets farmers from NYC - High Plains Journal - 10/23/16 - But of course, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy was in attendance to spew her spiel about climate change.
http://www.hpj.com/opinion/epa-targets-farmers-from-nyc/article_5f762679-1ea7-5e06-ad1b-5bca920c064a.html

EPA Spends MILLIONS Training Teachers On 'Environmental Education' - Daily Caller - 10/23/16 - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is spending \$10.8 million training teachers on the fundamentals of "environmental education."
<http://dailycaller.com/2016/10/23/epa-spends-millions-training-teachers-on-environmental-education/>

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